

STATEMENT NO. 1 MEN WILL BAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLE.

Police Make Futile Efforts to Locate Carrie Mesprie of The Dalles, Who Came to City Two Weeks Ago for Operation.

Much mystery attaches to the disappearance in this city of Miss Carrie Mesprie, of The Dalles, and the relatives of the young woman as well as local police detectives fear that some evil fate has befallen her.

Miss Mesprie, who is the daughter of Theodore Mesprie, a prosperous farmer living near The Dalles, came to Portland about two weeks ago, to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Since leaving home her relatives have heard from her but once, and she has been seen but once by acquaintances in this city.

The young woman's sister, Mrs. J. H. Stigman of The Dalles, has been several days and has enlisted Detectives Hawley and Inskip in what has proved an unsuccessful search for the young woman.

On March 25 Miss Mesprie wrote a letter to her relatives in which she explained her condition as follows: "I have come to some conclusion at last after consulting with the doctors. I was almost frightened to death and awfully nervous, but I must do something as I am suffering at all times. Tomorrow I will let you know and if there is any danger they will let you know. There is no use to worry and no use for me to come to you. It would only be extra expense for nothing."

"I have been tired at times looking for a good doctor, but I am not too clean and I am afraid of microbes, but I have confidence in the last one I consulted with. It seems to me that I should thoroughly what is needed. Will let you know tomorrow the address of the hospital."

Since she left the Front street store no trace of the young woman can be found. All of the hospitals in the city have been searched and the young woman's known friends have been consulted, but to no purpose.

SON-IN-LAW TURNED GOLD SHOULDER BREAD

Parental Affection Sat on Iceberg After Property Changed Hands.

Claiming that his son-in-law, in whom he reposed the greatest confidence, induced him to part with his property and then turned him out in the world in his old age, William Peabody is suing Fred H. Meader and his wife, Olive Meader, in the circuit court.

HUNDRED MEN WORK ON BOISE PROJECT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Ida., April 2.—About 100 men are at work on the government dam on the Boise river above this city, and it is expected the entire structure will be completed by the first of May.

ANNAND BREAKS LAW TO MAKE PEOPLE KICK AND NO ONE HOLLERS

When it comes to deciding a question that affects the residents of a neighborhood Councilman John Annand simply takes a shotgun, goes out to the neighborhood in question and fires the gun as many times as he can in half an hour.

REGISTER! FOUR MORE DAYS

Four more days to register. Although little time is left for those who have neglected to register, the daily registers are being prepared and the registration period will be closed on the 10th of April.

Statement No. 1 Men Will Band Together to Fight for Principle.

Statement No. 1 candidates, for the legislature have decided to unite on a harmonious and general campaign to be carried on throughout the county between this time and the date of the primaries, April 17.

A meeting of the Statement No. 1 candidates was held last night, at which time the plans for the campaign were discussed. It was decided to make a tour of the county during the course of the campaign, and a committee was appointed to map out an itinerary and appoint speakers for the different meetings.

These meetings will be held in different parts of the county and will give every voter an opportunity to attend and meet with the different legislative candidates. It is probable that the campaign will be closed with a general mass meeting in Portland just before the primaries, at which all of the candidates will be present.

One thing was definitely determined upon at the meeting held last night which was that the united fight of the Statement No. 1 ticket should be for the principle involved and not for the individuality of the candidates. Every candidate on the ticket has agreed to work for the success of the whole ticket. No effort will be made to secure the election of one member of the ticket over any other member of the ticket.

Within a few days the plans for the different meetings will have been made, after which the contest for votes will be begun in earnest. The Statement No. 1 forces are confident that by the end of the campaign the opposition of the Hodson-Beach machine will be broken and the Statement No. 1 ticket will be elected.

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Fifty Thousand Dollars Bet on Ten Teams in Contest.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Nome, Alaska, April 2.—One of the greatest races ever pulled off in this country is now on. It is the Alaska sweepstakes dog race to Candle and return. The first team started yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. There are 12 contestants and they left every two hours. The last getting away at 4 o'clock this morning. Each team has a dog and a harness worth \$100. Fully \$50,000 has been bet on the race.

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The flames spread rapidly through the flimsy structure and the tenants, rushing to the narrow fire escapes, clogged them so that women and children left behind in the rush faced incineration. Police and firemen dashed up blazing stairways, pulled the panic-stricken people from the windows and freed the clogged fire escapes. They were not in time, however, to prevent the death of three people from leaping to death and injuries.

(United Press Leased Wire.) John Ferrington, colored, who was arrested several days ago on a charge of having opium in his possession, now stands accused of highway robbery. Samuel Blair, a white man, has preferred charges against Ferrington and says that Ferrington and another negro held him up in the north end and robbed him of \$750. Ferrington is held under \$750 bail and will have a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

Guardian for Dr. Volp. H. W. Beecham has applied to the county court for appointment as guardian of the property of Dr. H. Volp, who was committed to the asylum at Salem last Saturday. Dr. Volp left nothing outside of the fixtures and instruments in his office in the Hamilton building, valued at \$500.

Franchise Committee Recommends That Company's Franchise Be Killed.

Members of the franchise committee appointed by Mayor Lane to replace the franchise committee headed by the council have voted to recommend the revocation of the franchise of the Portland Hydraulic Elevator company and file their report with Mayor Lane this afternoon.

The franchise is at present owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. It is contended that the electric company can have no use for the franchise save to withhold other persons from securing it and carrying on the operations for which the measure was originally passed. The elevator company went out of business when the franchise was sold to the electric company.

The measure is sweeping in the extreme and is not regarded by the committee as properly safeguarding the city's interests. While it provides the right of the company to lay pipes, it does not require the company to replace the streets or pavement and is regarded as dangerous to the city's rights.

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GATHERS EVIDENCE TO CONVICT ATWOOD

Accused Physician Does Not Believe Patient Had Diphtheria.

Dr. E. P. Geary, county health officer, had not sworn out the complaint against Dr. C. H. T. Atwood up to noon today, but said that he was seeking further evidence which would secure a conviction of Atwood where his case goes to the jury. He said he would in a probability swear to the complaint this afternoon, charging Atwood with failing to use efficient means to prevent the spread of a contagious disease.

In speaking of the case today, Dr. Geary said: "There is no doubt as to Atwood's guilt in this case, but I am withholding the complaint until I have all the evidence secured which will leave no doubt as to a conviction. The 14-year-old girl, who is the subject of the complaint, there is no doubt, but I do not wish to go before the jury without enough evidence to show that Atwood was guilty in neglecting to file the notice of a contagious disease."

There are so many loopholes in which a prisoner can get out of a case of this kind that it is necessary to serve every point before the complaint is served. Atwood says that he was not the only physician who saw the girl while she was in his office. He also says that there were no signs of diphtheria at the time she was in his office. He does not believe that the girl is afflicted. Atwood also claims that there are cases of diphtheria in Portland and that he has never been reported and claims that if the girl is afflicted with the disease it is a mistake in diagnosis. He claims that an attempt is being made to single him out for persecution.

NEW OFFICERS FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Women's Presbyterian Missionary Society of the Portland presbytery was held yesterday afternoon in the Westminster church. Reports of the officers for the past year's work were read, showing that the total receipts from all sources were \$6,888. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. H. N. Scott; vice-president, Mrs. James Garson; second vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Erickson; Mrs. M. W. Worth; fourth vice, Mrs. M. L. Leinweber; Astoria; fifth vice, Mrs. Earl Bronaugh; sixth vice, Mrs. Albert Robinson; Hillsboro; seventh vice, Mrs. John Williamson; recording secretary, Mrs. Ray A. Brayman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Erickson; Miss M. J. Hannon; secretary, Miss Verne Bergen; box secretary, Mrs. G. E. Cellars; Endorsement secretary, Miss Anna Lehman; missionary study secretary, Miss M. J. Hannon; oversea and land secretary, Mrs. A. Bradshaw; women's work and mission secretary, Mrs. J. E. Erickson; Robert Stealer; librarian, Mrs. Christensen; treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Werlein; auditor, W. W. Reed.

KILLS HIMSELF WHEN REDUCED TO LABOR

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pinedale, Cal., April 2.—Driven to desperation because he was forced from his position as cashier of the Pinedale powder works, with a salary of \$300 per month, and reduced to a laborer in the yard, which paid him monthly wages of only \$75, Henry Boydton is dead today, having fired a bullet into his heart.

Boydton had been regarded by all the employees of the works as a confidential man and his reduction was as much of a surprise to them as it was to the cashier himself. He did not have the slightest intimation of the decision of the officers of the corporation to make a laborer out of him until one morning a few days ago. He asked his superiors for an explanation but none was given. He was in a peculiar manner changed and it is believed he could not endure the worry.

SOME FEW BOUND TO PAY TAX PENALTY

Some people are going to forget to pay their taxes until it is too late. It cannot be told how many will forget, but all of those who do not pay to pay a penalty of 10 per cent when they finally settle their accounts with the county. Those who pay one half now may have the other half extended until October. If the half remains unpaid after Monday the penalty is attached by law, and every month afterward there will be 1 per cent more to pay, until the tax is paid.

Only Three Democrats Are Aspirants for Office in Multnomah